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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated March 21, 2011, Applicants submit the present remarks in support of patentability. Prior to the filing of this Response, Claims 1-2, and 4-28 were pending, with claims 17-25 withdrawn from consideration. Claims 8 and 26 are allowed, claims 1-2, 4-7, 9-14, 16, and 28 stand rejected, while claim 27 is objected to due to informalities. This reply is timely submitted with a one-month extension.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.